

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 8, 2020

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!

Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway and join us for coffee in the parlour after the service.

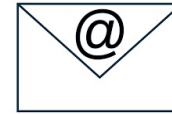
Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Another great evening, the whole congregation came together, with helping hands! We served 253 people (60 where children), and of the \$1700 we collected, less \$470 for expenses, we banked \$1230. Fantastic! Many thanks to Don and Marlene Tosh for donating 8-liters of Maple Syrup and to everyone who helped out and also those who brought people with you to support our event! WOW!!!

Confirmation: Please alert any Melville youth (grades 8 & up) who may be interested, that Rev. Marion will be facilitating a Confirmation Program beginning in late February or early March. Times and dates will be scheduled according to the needs and availability of the participants. The program will include a Confirmation weekend at Five Oaks Retreat Centre April 3-5. Please contact Rev. Marion for details or to register.

Fridays- 11:15 am to 12:30 pm Lenten Study/Discussion: Five Fridays beginning March 6th (ends April 3rd) in the Chapel. Based on the study guide Death of Jesus for Progressive Christians, written by Donald Schmidt. Why did Jesus die? The resurrection of Jesus is, of course, the most important event for Christians, yet the events that led up to it are almost as important. According to all the biblical sources and a wide variety of non-biblical texts, Jesus was put to death because the message he brought threatened the powerful of his era. The simplest truth is that the gospel message was too toxic for the imperial stomach to bear. Come, and we will explore together what the bible tells us about the events in the final week of the life of Jesus.

175 years of faithful living! Melville United Church will be 175 years old come October 2020. There will be an anniversary service on Sunday, October 25 followed by a lunch. Come help us celebrate!

Be up to date on Melville news! Give your email address to the Melville office and you will be included on the Melville "Grape Vine". Send a message to secretary@melvilleunited.com and indicate your wish to get these updates. You can also drop a note in the Office mailbox that is located on the wall beside the office door.



Community Events

Friday Afternoons- 3:00pm -ends April 3rd (no meeting Mar. 13) A spiritual growth group based on the musical Les Miserables. Elora United Church. For more information visit <http://elorauc.org> or call 519-846-0122

Wednesday, March 11 - 7 pm - Griefshare - This is a 13 week faith based programme to help those grieving the loss of a loved one. \$25 covers the cost of your materials. Call the St. Andrew's church office 519-843-3565 to register or for more information.

Sunday, March 15 - 2:00pm The Door Youth Centre presents Stories from "The Vinyl Café" read by John Diben. Fergus Grand Theater. Tickets available at The Fergus Grand Theatre \$20/Adult & \$10/Youth (12&Under).

Friday, March 27 -7:00-8:30 pm - The Walking Wounded. Dark clouds come in all shapes and sizes and leave us asking where do we turn? How does our faith fit into our healing journey? Brett Ullman in The Walking Wounded begins to address how to walk back towards healing and away from our emotions, feelings and thoughts that are keeping us paralyzed in life. Grand River Community Church, 7438 Wellington Rd. 18 (No cost)

Saturday, April 4 - 6:30 pm. Annual Dinner Gathering. Alma Bible Church, 59 Peel St. E. in Alma. A roast beef dinner will be followed by Praise and Worship, Christian Fellowship and an interesting speaker. All are welcome to come for dinner at 6:30 pm – advance tickets only (\$20.00) from your CBS church representative or call John 519-820-7964. Doors open at 5:30 pm for meeting & greeting, viewing displays, complementary juice provided. Some might like to come for the program starting at 7:45 pm (no charge but there will be a free will offering).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 9 - Sun. Mar. 15, 2020

Tues. 10	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 12	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 13	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:15	Lent Study	Chapel

Celebrating 175 Years!



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Worship Schedule

Mar. 15	3rd in Lent	Marion Loree
Mar. 22	4th in Lent	Marion Loree
Mar. 29	5th in Lent	Marion Loree
Apr. 5	Palm Sunday	Marion Loree